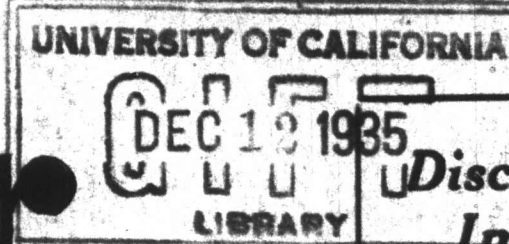


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### The Voice of the Three Per Cent

DOES HEARST SPEAK FOR YOU?

#### A Parasite Posing As the Public

If your children sometimes hunger, trudge to school with cardboard tucked in the soles of their worn out shoes, and face a future of hopeless wage slavery and worry, this state of affairs is not without benefit to some of America's loudest, if least typical citizens. It enables William Randolph Hearst to sprawl in hogwash elegance over thousands of privately owned acres, dwell in a chain of fancy palaces, and rule over his properties with all the license and authority of a mediaeval baron.

And should you be fired by your employer, who has the "liberty" and "freedom"—the "democratic right," so to speak, to boot you out whenever it suits his fancy, you soon find out that America, as you learned about it in the public schools, consists of the sidewalk. And you'd better not stand too long in one place even there or a cop will nudge you onward with his club.

And you will find that all the lions in the cities and the houses and buildings on them, and all the fields in the country and all the produce growing in them, and all the factories and all the trains and ships are the private, exclusive property of three per cent of the population—that three per cent of which Mr. William Randolph Hearst is such an able spokesman.

#### Freedom of Speech.

But, should you view this state of affairs as illogical, unjust and a travesty of democracy, what opportunity have you to express your opinion? Perhaps you might stand on a hydrant and address the passers by. You would soon find yourself in the City Jail. The morning "Examiner" would hail the arrest of a "mangy foreign agitator" decrying American institutions and freedom.

Witness the voice of William Randolph Hearst in the San Francisco Examiner of December 3: "The speakers always are notorious and mangy agitators—with a kink in their brains and hatred in their hearts—hatred for respectability, industry, independence—hatred of the competent American, native or foreign born, who prefers self-reliance and self-support to the life of a panhandler."

#### Propaganda Machine.

This is the voice of that bloated three per cent. When it speaks, scores of newspapers, magazines, and the radio carry its message. Should a gathering of your fellow working men have been listening when you were arrested, the voice of the three per cent declares (Hearst's December 3rd editorial again): "These audiences are for the most part a rather dirty and seething rabble—yelling, cursing, abusive rioters and vagrants."

More than that, this voice of the terrified three per cent professes to be speaking for you. More of the same editorial:

"Most of these people haven't any right to be here at all. Think of it!

"They are merely guests, unwelcome enough but nevertheless guests, of this nation, batten at our board, stretching their lazy limbs on the soft couches of our liberality and prosperity, and they haven't the grace, not even the common decency, to respect and acknowledge the generosity of their host."

"Unless this Communist disrespect to America stops and stops short and promptly, this feeling, which is so rapidly spreading throughout the land, will crystallize into a demand not only for the suppression of these treacherous and traitorous elements in our population, but for legislation, specific and effectual, to compel their deportation."

In this the voice of America? Can the voice of a power-drunk parasite in a gaudy palace speak for the millions of working men and women who exist as tolerated trespassers on private property (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

### Guild Fights Emil Gardos' Deportation

CLEVELAND, (FP)—By unanimous vote, the Cleveland Newspaper Guild has taken up the case of Emil Gardos, guild member and editor of Uj Elore, Hungarian language daily, against whom deportation proceedings have been instigated.

Terminating the threat against Gardos "a violation of the letter and spirit of the bill of rights," the guild enlisted a promise of assistance from Congressman Stephen M. Young in gaining right of asylum for the editor. Gardos, an outspoken foe of the Horthy government in Hungary, would face torture if he were returned to that country.

### ANITA WHITNEY GETS SENTENCE

Probation Is Denied;  
\$600 Fine or 300  
Days in Jail

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Three hundred days in the county jail or a \$600 fine was the sentence imposed on Comrade Anita Whitney in Superior Judge Robinson's court this morning.

A motion for probation, made by International Labor Defense Attorney George Andersen, was denied. Comrade Whitney reaffirmed her Communist beliefs, declaring her sentence to be obvious persecution for those beliefs.

Comrade Whitney was framed on perjury charges for her part in circulating a petition to place the Communist Party on the ballot in California last year. It was charged that she sponsored petitions without actually witnessing the signing of all the names on them.

Louise Todd, recently convicted here on exactly the same charge, is now in Tehachapi women's prison under a sentence of one to 14 years. Observers of widely different political faiths have denounced these trials as deliberate persecution, pointing out that the same thing is done hundreds of times in elections by Republicans and Democrats without any penalty of any sort.

Such technical violations are unavoidable in the circulating and filing of mass petitions.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—A committee for the defense of Anita Whitney has been formed here with Beatrice Kinkade as chairman and Margaret Stanislavski as secretary. The committee includes many prominent persons and organizations, including the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners.

The group has appealed for money to pay the \$600 fine levied against Anita Whitney this week after she was convicted of a charge of so-called "false swearing." Funds are urgently needed and all sympathizers and friends are asked to contact the committee or send contributions to Post Office Box 1304, San Francisco.

BOYCOTT  
HEARST NEWSPAPERS!

# PEDRO, S. F. FIRM ON CARGO BAN

## EMPLOYERS ASK ABSOLUTE RULE OVER INDUSTRY

OWNERS TO PUT PRESSURE  
ON EMPLOYEES AND  
STOCKHOLDERS

## New Deal Repudiated DEMOCRACY CONSTRUED AS RIGHT TO OWN AND RULE AS KING

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—More than 200 of America's major capitalists assembled in the fortieth annual convention of the Association of Manufacturers here today drafted a "platform for business" and outlined a determined plan for influencing the political scene and enforcing the most reactionary policies.

The plan included putting pressure on stockholders and employees to secure their support of the millionaires' program.

Policies of the Roosevelt administration were scored as "un-American." Complete repudiation of all recovery programs and a restoration of the unqualified dictatorship of owners over all industrial properties were affirmed as the goal of the Association.

Complete Authority.  
Phrasing their campaign as one to restore "the American system of government," the millionaires envisioned a set-up which would render them veritable Czars with supreme authority over their industrial domains.

On the question of whether "democracy" implied the rights of labor or the rights of the owners, the millionaires advanced the contention that the American Constitution was a document insuring the absolute authority of Big Business.

Election Plans.  
The Association's plan is to install a 100 per cent reactionary administration (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8.)

## Teamsters Call For Boycott of East Bay Paper

PICKET LINE ATTACKED BY  
POLICE; THREE MEN  
BADLY BEATEN

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 5.—Police, at 3:30 p.m. today, attacked a picket line of teamsters around the Oakland Tribune building, beating three union men unmercifully. All three are reported as having to be taken to the hospital.

Tribune trucks were being operated today with armed guards. Early in October, eleven Tribune drivers applied for membership in the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local No. 70.

Three of them were discharged by the newspaper and the rest were forced to sign a "yellow dog" statement in order to keep their jobs. The statement, phrased and presented by the owners, read:

"We, the undersigned drivers of the Oakland Tribune Publishing Company, hereby withdraw our applications for membership into the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local No. 70."

Prior to the move to join the union, drivers were receiving \$17.50 per week. Immediately, the newspaper raised their pay to the union scale to avoid criticism.

The Brotherhood of Teamsters is appealing for a boycott against the paper until these intimidations cease and the men are granted their right to join the union.

## JAPAN AND CHINA WAR! ITALY AND AFRICA

## AUTONOMY MOVE CLINCHED BY JAPANESE

TOKIO, Dec. 5.—Definite proclamation of a North China autonomy is expected to be announced momentarily. Reports that the puppet dictator Yin Ju-Keng has been assassinated have been officially denied.

Japanese domination of the new autonomy is not even thinly disguised, the Nippon statesmen merely declaring it a native Chinese state in order to technically evade international difficulties.

## CHINESE RED ARMY GAINS

NANKING, China, Dec. 3.—Twenty-nine Passionist Fathers and fifteen nuns (American missionaries) in Hunan province are in a high state of hysterics as the Red Army of Soviet China is reported pouring over the Western border.

The Communists have taken Supu and Chenki and are sweeping on toward Chihkiang-Yanchow in Western Hunan.

Terror of the clergy is not regarded as well founded by observers (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## PLOT TO BLOW OUT PALO ALTO GENERATORS FRAMED BY AGENT

## Attempted Treachery Revealed By Radio Telegraphers at Labor Board Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Indication of a probable attempt to frame union leaders came to light yesterday in the National Labor Relations Board hearing in the case of five officials of the American Radio Telegraphers' Association who were discharged by the Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company for union activity.

L. N. Rone, one of the five union leaders who are charging the Mackay Company with violation of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act, testified that R. I. Hatch, an asserted company agent, had attempted during the telegraphers' strike last September to provoke him into acts of sabotage.

Rone stated that Hatch had told him that he knew of a place in Palo Alto where all the motor generators in the Palo Alto transmitter station could be blown out by throwing a wet rag across a transformer. Hatch told Rone he would not do it with him but was willing to drive him down there on a Sunday, show him the place, drive him back to San Francisco, then loan him his car to drive back and commit the crime.

Rone immediately recognized this proposal as coming from a provocateur seeking to discredit and break the union.

Hatch, who was chief office electrician of the Mackay Company, is expected to testify for the employers later in the hearing.

The hearing, which opened Monday in Room 265 in the Post Office Building, is the first test case of the Wagner Disputes Act to be held in San Francisco. The telegraphers who are pressing complaint are A. B. Loudermilk, L. N. Rone, L. K. Bash, P. D. Phelps, and G. E. Palmer. All are Class A operators with many years of service in the Mackay Company.

Twenty-three operators throughout the country were blacklisted when the telegraphers' strike was broken early last October. It will be necessary, however, for all others to bring separate charges in order to gain reinstatement.

## L.A. PRESS CONFERENCE ASKS SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL BAZAAR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—With interest growing in the Fourth Annual Press Bazaar, to be held here on the week-end of December 13, 14, 15 in the Cultural Center, the Los Angeles Press Conference today sent out urgent messages to all comrades and sympathizers to bring in articles for the Bazaar and business and individual greetings for the souvenir program.

Greetings must be in the Western Worker Bureau, 224 So. Spring street, Room 402, by Monday morning, December 9th, the conference stated, and articles should be turned in as quickly as possible. No articles to be auctioned at the Bazaar should be held back, but should be turned in at once to the Western Worker Bureau or to the Cultural Center Bookshop.

All manner of articles—food-stuffs, clothing, art objects, furniture, etc.—are needed.

All proceeds will go to the War Chest Fund of the WESTERN WORKER and the VOICE OF YOUTH. Exhibits, colorful booths, entertainment, a grand masquerade ball on Saturday night, December 14th; a film showing on Sunday afternoon, and a final wind-up auction on Sunday night—these are among the many features promised for the affair. Dinner will be served in the Cultural Center Cafeteria on all three nights.

## UNEMPLOYED ON WPA REVOLT TO WIN UNION WAGE

FEDERAL RELIEF CUT OFF;  
STATE COFFERS EMPTY;  
WPA UNFULFILLED

## State Admits Crisis

SAN DIEGO—LOS ANGELES  
HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS;  
UNIONS AFFECTED

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 5.—With only a fraction of California's unemployed absorbed by the WPA and all Federal relief cut off, State Controller Ray L. Riley has announced that enough money is available to carry on relief only two weeks longer.

Those who have received WPA employment find themselves with less income than they got on direct relief. In hundreds of cases the amount received is hopelessly inadequate to feed families. Attempts to enforce wages below union standards are resulting in widespread strikes and demonstrations.

Only \$2,000,000 a month is available from state funds for relief. The amount required to date has equalled this weekly. Only 60,000 are now employed on WPA, whereas the total number on relief was 240,000 cases.

In addition to this, 340 persons employed in disbursement of offices and 4500 SERA employees are to be discharged.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 2.—A demonstration by the unemployed led by the Unemployed Workers' Protective Union resulted in winning a concession from the Relief Administration. Several hundred persons met at the relief offices after work at 3:30 p. m. following a call from the Unemployed Union to mass at the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

## MORE ACTION NEEDED ON S. F. PRESS BAZAAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—"HURRY!"

This is what a waterfront worker this week told the Fillmore Sub-section. This worker already has raised \$20 in greetings for the souvenir program of the Western Worker Annual Bazaar, to be held here December 27, 28, 29, 31.

When asked if he really believes the Waterfront Sub-section will win in the socialist competition drive with Fillmore, he replied: "We'll win standing up!"

The waterfront takes the challenge hurled by Fillmore seriously. They realize the drive for a reserve fund for 1936 for the WESTERN WORKER is not a joke. They know from experience what aid the WESTERN WORKER was to them during and after the strike period last year. They realize, too, what help the "Western Worker" will be to them during future struggles. So they are working to make the Annual Bazaar a success.

And neither is Fillmore asleep. That Sub-section is working day and night for the Bazaar. They report they already have raised \$150 of their \$500 quota. They promise the Waterfront a few surprises.

The Bazaar is the first shot in the campaign to raise \$2500 for the "Western Worker" in San Francisco. Meanwhile, the Bazaar Conference has asked what the other sub-sections are doing. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

## GUNS AGAINST DEMOCRACY

Preparing Amer.  
Suppression  
Series

II.  
American capitalism's real view of the future, in contrast with their rosate newspaper propaganda, may be seen in the "manual on civil disturbances," recently issued by the War Department to all military bodies. The following is an excerpt: "Driving the mob into or through the districts of the city where looting is the least profitable and where destruction of property incident to military operations will be reduced to a minimum and preferably fall on the rioters or the class of people composing the rioters."

## SCALERS FIGHT "RIOT" FRAMEUP

Huge Mass Meeting  
To Be Staged on  
Dec. 8th

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Frustrated in their attempt to force the Scalers' Union to reinstate 17 loyal fink-provocateurs, when an "impartial" arbitration board ruled the matter not "arbitrable," the shipowners sent a letter to the union "threatening" repudiation of contracts.

Later in the day, it was understood the shipowners withdrew their "threat."

The part these 17 expelled members played in the framing of four militant rank and file members of the union will be portrayed in a special mass meeting to be held at the Building Trades Temple, on Sunday, Dec. 8th, when the scene of the employer inspired "riot" at the union meeting, when Torres was found in dying condition in front of the Scalers' Hall, will be reenacted.

As a result of this "riot," Archie Brown, Francisco Jimenez, Julio Canales, and Natalio Villi, are facing "murder charges."

The meeting will open at 8 p. m. and all workers and sympathizers are invited to attend and gain first-hand knowledge of how shipowner paid tools work to smash a union and railroad workers.

Anita Whitney, Reverend Lane, Kaspar Bauer and Ben Legere will speak on the occasion, with Geo. Woolf, president of Ship Scalers' Union, I.L.A. Local 38-100 will preside as chairman. Pete Garcia, vice president, will deliver a speech in Spanish.

## Second East Bay Labor Party Meet Slated for Dec. 8

OAKLAND, Dec. 6.—The second Alameda County Labor Party Conference will be held at Carpenters' Hall, 761 Twelfth street here at 10 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 8. A mass meeting, open to the public, will be held at the same hall at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Several prominent trade unionists will talk as will Ward Rogers, new organizer for the Socialist Party in this section. A similar conference was held here on September 1.

Forty-one organizations have endorsed the conference and a continuation committee, elected at the first meeting, has been working on the Labor Party issue. Sixteen trade unions are included in the list of endorsing organizations.

## RYAN RETREATS AS PEDRO ILA SUPPORTS GULF

BRIDGES MAKES APPEAL  
FOR UNITY OF ACTION  
ON HOT CARGO

## Settlement Near

EAST TEXAS PORTS HOLD  
OUT FOR JOINT  
PEACE PACT

## BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Although a settlement loomed near in the Gulf longshore strike, Pacific Coast longshoremen refused to work any Gulf ships loaded with "hot cargo," until actually released by the Gulf rank and file contract committee.

A move on the part of Ryan to split the San Pedro longshoremen who were working Gulf "hot cargo," and the Frisco dockers, who had refused to, was frustrated when Harry Bridges and Henry Schmidt of Local 38-79 flew to San Pedro by plane and exposed to the men there the treachery of Ryan.

## BULLETIN

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 5.—The long bitter Vancouver dock strike, will come to an end officially on Monday, Dec. 9th, when Union longshoremen who struck on June 4th, will return to work. The men are to apply at the "fink hall" for employment, but will maintain their (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)

## L.A. One-Man Cars Are Death Traps, Says Christensen

EPIC COUNCILMAN ASKS  
THEIR ELIMINATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Paying the penalty for the lock-out of the street railway strikers a year ago, people of Los Angeles today were in the midst of a fight against the use of one-man cars by the Los Angeles Street Railway Corporation.

"Obsolete death traps and ramshackle firetraps," was the characterization given one-man cars by Parley Parker Christensen, Epic councilman, in the City Council here today, as he introduced a resolution demanding their immediate elimination from Los Angeles streets.

In the last few months, one-man cars have been involved in serious accidents in the heart of the city, injuring scores of people, including women and children. At least one accident was not even reported to police headquarters, and no arrests have been made.

Christensen's resolution criticized City Attorney Ray L. Chesebro, who persistently has refused to take action against the street car company, for failure to issue a requested opinion on the power of the council to remove the obsolete death-traps.

The resolution directed the municipal board of public utilities and transportation to take immediate steps to force the one-man cars off the streets.

"Some time has elapsed and no opinion has been received from Chesebro and these ramshackle firetraps continue to menace the safety of the public and endanger lives of those who are compelled to ride on these obsolete death-traps," said Christensen in the council today.



# Italian People Suffering Misereries of War

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FALL FIFTY PER CENT IN VOLUME

Employment and Credit Crisis is Brought On By War in Africa

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serves here who can point to no instances of persecution of foreigners by the Soviet forces. Well disciplined, methodical, the Red Army immediately combs out the capitalist confusion of conquered areas into Socialist order.

The missionaries are preparing to evacuate the zone of conflict.

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 3.—The Chinese National government (Kuomintang) is drafting a program to grant North China "virtual autonomy." In effect, this would give the Japanese full domination, as desired. The purpose is to placate the Chinese people who are evidencing sharp resentment against Chiang Kai Shek's latest capitulation to the Japanese.

Such a program would enable Chinese officials to deny capitulation, at the same time, in no way hampering Japan's maneuver.

Observers are dubious as to the success Chiang Kai Shek will have with this hypocritical strategy.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Using threats of oil embargo, which would effectively choke off Mussolini's Africa invasion, France and England are bargaining with Italy for a mutually satisfactory division of the imperialist loot. The effort now is to close an agreement before Dec. 12, the date when the oil embargo is to be decided by the League of Nations.

A peace plan submitted earlier by Duce was turned down by France and England who have now devised another plan which is ready for submission to Italy. Its terms are purported to include:

- 1) Ceding to Italy a large part of the Northern Ethiopian territory which her troops have already penetrated.
- 2) Ceding to Italy large sections of Southern Ethiopia already penetrated.
- 3) Ceding to Ethiopia the Eritrean port of Assab on the Red Sea.

Meanwhile, Italian forces in Africa have butted squarely into the wall of Ethiopian resistance. Permitted to march almost unopposed into the most difficult areas, the Italian troops are now sizzling on the griddle of Ethiopian strategy. After weeks of the most intense guerrilla attacks, Haile Selassie's armies are reported preparing for major conflicts.

## LEO GALLAGHER FACES ACTION TO DISBAR HIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—The trial of Leo Gallagher, Elaine Black and Paula Morton on charges of "rioting" will continue in Municipal Judge Lazarus' court, in the Hall of Justice at 11 a. m., Monday, Dec. 9th.

Gallagher was arrested while watching an open air meeting in Dolores Park last year, and Elaine Black and Paula Morton were arrested for participating in the meeting. The maximum penalty for "riot" is one year in the county jail.

However, this frameup is palpably an effort to disbar Gallagher. If he is convicted the State Bar Association will probably take such action against him.

James Branch's hearing on a writ of habeas corpus petition will be before Judge Louderbach on Saturday, Dec. 7th, in the Post Office Building, Mission and 7th. Branch is fighting an order to deport him to the West Indies and if the writ is granted he will be able to appeal his case to a higher court.

## MORE ACTION ON PRESS BAZAAR!

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Tag, they seem to be lagging far behind.

Articles of all kinds and descriptions are necessary to make the Bazaar a success. An extraordinary program is planned for the four-day festival. A spacious restaurant is being prepared for the hundreds who will flock to 121 Haight Street during the Bazaar.

All articles and greetings, in fact everything that is collected for the Bazaar, will be credited to the quota of the particular section turning it in.

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reckoned that if proper persuasion can make the women relinquish their rings, the government will harvest about ten million of them which will net about 82 1-2 tons of gold valued at about \$92,700,000.

## ANTI-BRITISH RALLIES

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 3.—Demonstrations against British imperialism flared anew last night when 800 men and women, mostly students, assembled outside the Continental Hotel. Police were stoned and beaten when they sought to disperse them with clubs and rifles. Four persons were seriously injured.

The demonstrators shouted: "Long live the revolution! Down with Hoare!" They referred to Samuel Hoare, England's Foreign Secretary.

## ITALY'S PEACE TERMS

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Threat of oil embargo against Italy is seen here as a lever with which France and England are bargaining for a mutually satisfactory partitioning of Ethiopia.

Mussolini has already submitted a peace plan which includes:

- 1—Granting Italy a wide strip of territory connecting Eritrea with Italian Somaliland.
- 2—Granting annexation by Italy of territory in Northwestern Ethiopia.
- 3—Granting Ethiopia an outlet to the sea through British Somaliland.

This arrangement is not acceptable to England. The oil-embargo threat will be pressed until a division of loot satisfactory to France, England and Italy is agreed upon.

It is predicted that such an embargo would force a complete halt of the Italian invasion long before the rainy season sets in.

## MUSSOLINI BEGS FUNDS IN U. S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(FP)—Funds for the war in Ethiopia are being gathered in the United States by official representatives of Premier Mussolini, using the Italian Red Cross as a pretext, it is charged by E. Clemente of Chicago, managing editor of the Italian-language weekly La Parola del Popolo.

Mussolini with a grand gesture declined the aid of the International Red Cross, though Ethiopia accepted it for the usual Red Cross purposes. The Italian Red Cross, being under Mussolini's undisputed control, will have to use its funds as he dictates.

Appeals are made over the radio stations WGES and WIND by the Italian royal consulate for the pennies and dimes of Italian-American workers.

"The money collected in this manner," says Clemente, "is important to help out the Red Cross but to pay for the adventure of Mussolini in Africa. Every penny so collected serves but for one purpose, to protect the murderer of thousands upon thousands of Italians and Ethiopians in East Africa."

About \$10,000 has been contributed to Mussolini's Red Cross in Chicago so far, and about \$30,000 in New York, Clemente reports.

## Red Sunday Drive By L.A. YCL Nets Promising Result

60 CONTACTS SECURED IN BIG CAMPAIGN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—New forces in the all-important ranks of youth were contacted here yesterday when more than 100 shock brigadiers of the Communist Party and the entire Young Communist League participated in a Red Sunday on the South Side of Los Angeles.

Led by John Leech, Section Organizer of the Communist Party, the shock brigadiers obtained more than 60 contacts for the Y. C. L., who will subsequently be invited

## Labor Council Action on Two Issues Delayed

OAKLAND BODY WAITS ON DISASTER PLAN AND UNEMPLOYED

(Alameda County Central Labor Council)  
OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 3.—At last night's regular meeting of the Labor Council the Warehousemen's delegate reported the stand of his union against Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia. The Warehousemen have adopted a resolution against handling any war supplies for Italy. Since the employers refuse to grant the Warehousemen any satisfaction on their demands the union is taking a strike vote.

Several delegates asked why a report from the organizing committee on a plan to organize the unemployed had not been submitted to the council. Secretary Spooner replied they were still working on the plan. One delegate suggested that this committee write to the newly formed Committee for Industrial Unions in Washington, D. C., and ask their help and advice on the question of organizing the unorganized.

Secretary Spooner was asked to read the proposed amendment to the Oakland "Disaster Plan" ordinance, which a previous meeting of the Labor Council had ordered him to write. Spooner said it would be read at the next session.

It was reported that employees of gas filling stations were being organized and a federal charter had been asked from the A. F. of L.

The Hooper Creamery, which has been unfair to labor, has now signed an agreement with the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union. Picketing the concern's stores is credited with forcing the company into line.

## B.C. Dockers Sean Strike Committee Peace Proposals

TWO POINT RESOLUTION OFFERED STRIKERS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 4.—In an earnest effort to move towards a settlement in the four month dock strike, the Central Strike Committee has drafted a resolution and submitted it for consideration to all locals of the Longshoremen and Water Transport Workers of Canada. The resolution contains two points, as follows:

- (1) We, the men now on strike will agree to negotiate the termination of this strike in the British Columbia marine industry, if an acceptable guarantee is given by the employers that the men now on strike when given employment will not be compelled to join any of the unions of any of the crafts now working on the waterfront and that any man employed on the waterfront reserves the right to join a union of his own choosing.

(2) That all locals be given the right to negotiate with their own employers on further terms of returning to work, and that the results of the negotiations be referred back to the Central Strike Committee before further action is taken.

At the Emergency Convention of the Maritime Federation, two delegates were chosen to make an investigation of the situation in B. C. and to recommend a course of action for the Maritime Federation to follow, to aid the Canadian longshoremen in gaining a settlement.

to a meeting where they will be asked to join the League.

The "Voice of Youth," the "Young Worker," and the pamphlets, "War in Africa" and "Youth in a Soviet America," were concentrated on as literature for the Red Sunday.

Young Negro workers were the majority of the more than 60 contacts secured, and are expected to join the vanguard of the working class in the fight for Negro liberation.

The Los Angeles Section is still awaiting acceptance of the challenge issued the San Francisco Section in regard to work among the youth.

Fight for unity of employed and unemployed organizations.

## UNEMPLOYED ON WPA FIGHT TO WIN UNION WAGE SCALE

Thousands Left Without Subsistence With Cessation of Federal Relief

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Broadway Pier, where the Relief Administration is located. Many of the men have worked over a month on WPA and have not received a cent of pay, while direct relief was discontinued for them two weeks after they began work. The majority have been forced to beg or borrow to keep their families alive. The \$55 per month "security wage" in many cases exactly half of what the men received on direct relief, and then they were unable to make ends meet.

The demonstration won grocery orders for the men with three dependents or over, something which up till then had been completely denied. This was a concession, but not a brilliant victory, for the nickel-pinching, baby-starving administration claimed not to have the funds to give everybody grocery orders. Checks, they say, will absolutely be paid this Thursday and so frightened was the Administration that Sacramento was wired to send them down by airplane.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Two WPA workers have been discharged from their jobs, and six transferred from one job to another in order to leave the impression with workers that they had been fired, it was learned here today.

A grievance committee of the Public Works and Unemployed Union immediately protested to Labor Coordinator Heitman of the WPA, who admitted there was no doubt on the right of the workers to organize and their right to hold any political or economic opinions they choose. He promised to investigate.

Frank Wirtanen was fired from his job, being handed a slip which gave the reason as "Has gotten into political and economic discussions

and is in bad on the job." The slip was signed by C. W. Booth, "straw boss."

Wirtanen told PWUU officials that he merely objected to the statement of another worker, now identified as a stool pigeon, that Hitler and Mussolini were doing the "right thing" and "what we need in America is a dictator like Father Coughlin."

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 3.—In protest against the shutting off of Federal relief on Dec. 1 and the consequent grave relief crisis in Colorado, 8000 people of Denver crowded the huge City Auditorium in a mammoth mass meeting.

It was called by the Allied Council of Employed and Unemployed Citizens of Colorado. The determination of the gathering was most plainly demonstrated during the speech of Governor Ed. C. Johnson, who, after ignoring the burning issue of the state sales tax and sidestepping the question of all speakers of the evening at the meeting, "What Can and Will You Do to Solve the Unemployment and Relief Situation in Colorado?" became so incensed at the pertinent questions fired at him from the audience that he abruptly stopped his speech and hurriedly left the platform in defeat. His actions brought prolonged booing from the audience.

It was the demand of the crowd for a special session of the state legislature to repeal the hated sales tax and to enact adequate relief legislation, which routed the Governor.

Governor Johnson has consistently refused all demands for a special session for this purpose, despite the grave relief situation in the state. In addition he has won much deserved hatred for himself by his campaign to deprive all foreign-born destitute of relief, and his drive to deport all Mexican workers who are on relief.

## LABOR DEFENSE WINS CHANGE OF VENUE IN TOWNSEND CASE

ELSONORE, Cal., Dec. 4.—In an atmosphere charged with the vigilante "spirit," the International Labor Defense scored a victory here today when Attorney Grover Johnson succeeded in obtaining a change of venue in the case of Alfonso Townsend, young Negro CCC worker, who faces frameup charges of "disturbing the peace."

The case was changed from justice court here to justice court in Corona, where the date of re-trial was set for December 16th. Workers are urged to pack the court room on that date, and to send in protest resolutions to the Corona justice court demanding Townsend's immediate and unconditional freedom.

## WAR ON RED-BAITING EDITOR

(San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council)  
SAN DIEGO, Dec. 5.—The issue of the "Labor Leader," local labor paper, continues to dominate the Federated Trades and Labor Council meetings. Last night's session was one of the hottest held in months, with the battle line clearly drawn between reactionary and progressive delegates over the question "shall the Labor Leader represent the majority opinion of the Council?"

A report from the Council's Executive Committee sated the fireworks when it was stated that Editor A. G. Rogers has been instructed to comply hereafter with Article 4, Section 5 of the Council's constitution which states the editorial policy of the paper is subject to the Federated Trades Council. The Executive Committee also reported on the special meeting held last Friday with the Board of Administration, the Labor Leader grievance committee and Editor Rogers, at which time the paper was roundly censured for its biased reports, the quality of its content and its sloppy make-up.

Following this, the grievance committee introduced a six-page report specifically outlining a long series of charges against the Labor Leader and summarizing in the demand that the Labor Leader immediately become a progressive paper, in harmony with the Federated Trades.

Red-baiting  
An array of reactionary delegates then took the floor. Ed Dowell, past Secretary of the Council, pleaded "this report is like sticking a knife in his (the editor's) back." Delegates Krum and Donnelly spoke along the same line. But the prize speech of the evening was that by Stanley Gue, local deputy labor commissioner. He began by confessing that he too had been "misled by the rank and file movement 15 years ago." Referring to the fact that at one time he was secretary of the local chapter of the I. W. W. in typical red-baiting fashion he branded the criticism as "an attack by the Communist Party." He pleaded with the delegates not to be misled by "that group of disruptors" and ended with the statement that "as long as I am a delegate I am going to plead with all honest members to turn down this dirty, rotten little report."

The roll call vote was 30 for allowing the Editor an opportunity to reply and 27 against. A motion was immediately passed instructing the editor to have his reply ready by next meeting night so that the original report can then be voted on.

## Bridges Tells Pedro Dockers Of Ryan Trick

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own union. Although complete information is lacking, it is believed that the longshoremen returned to work under the points of the resolution printed on page two.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 4.—Federal Judge Ben C. Hawkins, "moved" in against the striking longshoremen here, by granting a preliminary injunction against port interference at Lake Charles by I.L.A. strikers, on the ground that the governor and local sheriff "failed to perform their duty" in prevention of violence in the dock strike at Lake Charles.

His decision accused the governor and the sheriff of "playing politics at the risk of human lives," by refusing to "properly police" the port last October 21st when strikers and hired dock guards fought a general battle. Three guards were fatally wounded and seven others hurt in the firing. The battle took place when armed guards attempting to place a gang of scabs on the dock, opened fire upon the pickets. Incensed at this outrage, the pickets who were unarmed at the time went home and took down their shot guns to defend themselves.

As a result of this affair Judge Hawkins ordered the port of Lake Charles closed for six days. When that period expired, he ordered the port open "for shipments in interstate commerce," under the protection of United States deputy marshals.

He further declared that when "business was threatened by the mass picketing of the I.L.A." the port authorities had been denied their appeal for state police or national guard. "Both the sheriff and the governor as well as their adherents were in the midst of general state election campaign, Hawkins' opinion stated, "And there appears little doubt that this fact accounts for the failure of these officials to do their duty."

The matter was summed up in a nutshell by the chairman of the local strike committee who stated bluntly, "The State bosses were too busy to bother, so the honorable Judge stepped in and gave 'em a hand in attempting to break the strike."

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 4.—Exposed by Harry Bridges, militant leader of the San Francisco longshoremen, Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, and his two aides here, President Elmer Bruce and Organizer A. H. "Pedro Pete" Peterson, went down to resounding defeat here last night on the question of handling "hot cargo" from the striking Gulf ports.

Resolutions were adopted by 1500 longshoremen here to disregard all future telegrams from Ryan as to the Gulf strike situation, and to refuse to handle all ships carrying cargo from or destined to the Gulf ports, unless their release is okayed by the Gulf strike committee.

Appearing at last night's meeting, Bridges read a sheaf of telegrams from the Gulf strike committee, stating that they were not fighting to have the companies accept federal arbitration but to win their full demands.

"Your leaders down here have held up these telegrams," Bridges said. "The only reports they have let you have were telegrams from Ryan."

Peterson and Bruce attempted to stem the rank-and-file tide of resentment against their deceit, but were booed down every time they attempted to take the floor. Immediate result today was that longshore gangs stopped work on freighters of the Luckenbach line, which they had been working on orders from Ryan. Three Japanese ships are also tied up on the "hot cargo" fight.

Complete solidarity of action with their striking brothers of the Gulf ports was thus assured by the rank-and-file of the I.L.A. here today.

Bridges, who flew down here by airplane for the meeting, was given an enthusiastic reception. Indications are that if an election were held in the I.L.A. local now, the fakers Bruce and Peterson would be tossed out of office almost unanimously.

## Browder's Report Will Appear In Dec. 'Communist'

The December "Communist," theoretical organ of the Communist Party, will contain Earl Browder's report to the plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, in which he brilliantly adapts the decisions of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International to conditions in the United States. Every basic problem facing the Communist Party and the American workers is herein clarified, and the tactical line laid down in simple, understandable terms on such questions as the united front against war and fascism, the building of the Farmer-Labor Party, etc.

Only a limited number of the December "Communist" will be available in the next week. Order your copy now at the nearest Workers' Bookshop.

## NAZI OLYMPIC BOYCOTT GROWS

COLLEGE HEADS, COACHES JOIN OPPOSITION TO US ENTRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Forty college professors announced their opposition to the United States participation in the 1936 Olympic Games in Nazi Germany, as the sentiment against sending American athletes to Berlin, continues to receive country wide support.

In addition to the opposition of the educators, the Reverend Albert W. Beaver, former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, today advocated American withdrawal from the Olympics.

Sensors, whose endorsement of the boycott have been made public are, William Gibbs McAdoo of California, David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, Robert Wagner of New York, Peter Gerry of Rhode Island, and Senators Glass, Costigan and Van Nuys.

The Amateur Athletic Union granted the Anti-Nazi Federation permission, to present a petition to the AAU and the American Olympic Committee calling for the United States withdrawal from the 1936 Olympics if held in Berlin. Daniel Feiris, secretary of the AAU in a letter to the Anti-Nazi Federation stated, "it will be called to the attention of the delegates to our convention in the regular manner."

Fourteen college coaches added their names to the petition. Among the signers were John Magee of Bowdoin, Olympic coach in 1924, 1928 and 1932, Chick Mehan, football coach at Manhattan, and John Ryder, track and field coach at Boston College.

## The Voice of the Three Per Cent

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in a nation owned bag and baggage by three per cent. of the population?

We Communists are Americans. We welcome foreign born workers to our ranks and militantly defend their right to live and exercise freedom of speech in America. If all the aliens in America were arrested and deported, it would be a giant injustice; nevertheless, it would not impair the Communist Party in the United States.

Mr. Hearst's presumption of Americanism and pretense of speaking for "public opinion" is a masquerade as corrupt as it is ridiculous. The very word "Americanism" on his lips is a word defiled, besmirched, turned into a mockery of the very principles of freedom and democracy of which it is a symbol.

## LEGISLATION

This Hearst editorial, "Alien Agitators and Flag Insulters Should Be Deported," is the first of a series to come. Its most significant point is the emphasis on suppressive legislation. It is the first gun in a propaganda campaign designed to create a fake appearance of "public demand," preparatory to the reconvening of the California State Legislature early next year.

Hearst, from now on, will assume the role of self-appointed spokesman for all California in regard to what kind of laws that body should enact. He commands the hog's share of all propaganda

## TRADE UNIONS RALLY AGAINST DISASTER PLAN

WORKERS TO REJECT ANY 'COMPROMISE' PLAN OFFERED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Aroused from its temporary lethargy, San Francisco Trade Unions are preparing to fight the passing of the proposed "Disaster Plan" Ordinance, when it comes before the Board of Supervisors once again, for consideration, on Dec. 8th, Monday, at 3 o'clock.

Over 25 labor unions have adopted resolutions protesting the proposed city "Emergency Plan" which, although described as a "plan to take care of the citizens of the community in the event of an earthquake, flood or fire," is directed at labor and is nothing more or less than a huge strike-breaking apparatus.

There are two such "plans" now before the Board, one which was drafted by the Commonwealth Club in 1928 and brought back to life by the two natural enemies of labor, the Industrial Association, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion. The other was drawn up by the city engineer's office under the guidance of "true to labor" Rossi.

Delegations from various Unions will be present at the Board to protest the passing of either one of these two proposed plans or any "compromise" plan. Among the Unions that will send delegates, are the Marine Firemen's Union, the District Council of the Maritime Federation, Bakery Workers, Drivers, Auto Mechanics, Machinists, Sailors' Union and the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

The Conference for the Promotion of a Labor Party will also send a strong delegation to fight against any attempt to pass this bill. Workers are urged to pack the City Hall, to voice their opposition to this strike-breaking "disaster plan."

## EMPLOYERS ASK ABSOLUTE RULE

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ministration in the 1936 elections. Main participants in the convention were: Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of General Motors Corp., (largest shippers of potential war materials to Italy), S. W. Uley, president of the Detroit Steel Casting Company; Bruce Barton, advertising representative, and others.

The convention is clear evidence of forces pushing in the direction of fascism. It also indicates that the New Deal administration is considered to have outworn its usefulness to capital and that Big Business will oppose it in 1936.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

mediums. Organizations which oppose his fascist bellowing are barred from even renting time from broadcasting stations.

The only channels left for expression of real public opinion are few and simple and must be exercised to the full. The Western Worker will carry explicit news on every proposed action in the Legislature. Organizations must be prepared to bring the utmost pressure on their representatives by wire, letter and delegation.

Hearst is not speaking for you. You've got to SPEAK for YOURSELF. You've got to MAKE YOURSELF HEARD. You have no such fancy tools for this purpose as the bloated "three per cent." You have no vast newspaper chains or broadcasting stations. You have to fight with the humble but effective tools of organized labor—mimeographs, meetings, letters and the working class press.

Beneath this thin, insipid coating of fake public opinion which is spread by the capitalist press, real public opinion is stirring restlessly like a giant. And parasites like Hearst are afraid of it. GIVE HIM GOOD REASON TO BE AFRAID OF IT.

Defend your democratic rights while you still have them. If you sit back and let Hearst masquerade as your spokesman, you'll lose these rights, and they're a thousand times harder to win back than to preserve.



## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### Coffee Destroyed Spirit of '76 Forbidden Italian Landowners Nazis Denounced Japan War Budget

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—(FP)—Coffee, 760,000 sacks of it, have been dumped into the ocean within the last few weeks in an effort to keep up the price.

This wholesale waste was ordered by the Brazilian Coffee Institute which intends to dump another 4,000,000 sacks. The government has placed 10,000,000 sacks at the disposal of the institute.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico.—(FP)—Called before U. S. Immigration Inspector Bennett in deportation proceedings, Francisco Martin Perez, Spanish worker, was asked in English, which he does not speak well, to state his intentions about overthrowing the government.

Martin Perez tried to explain he hoped Porto Rican workers and farmers would have the spirit of the American revolutionists of 1776. It sounded terrible to the inspector, who ordered the offender sent back where he came from. Attorneys for the International Labor Defense are demanding that deportation proceedings be halted and the case re-opened with a Spanish interpreter on hand.

ITALY.—(FP)—Mussolini's propaganda about Italy's "need for land," spread as an excuse for invading Ethiopia, has no justifiable basis, according to the Labor Chest for Relief and Liberation of Workers of Europe, headed by Pres. William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

Stating that "a land reform in Italy would provide more than sufficient room for millions of needy Italians," a Chest bulletin points out that official Fascist statistics show 12,490 big landlords own as much Italian soil as 2,450,000 peasants put together.

GERMANY.—(FP)—Following the invitation of the Church of England assembly to other religious bodies throughout the world, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, representing leading Protestant denominations, has entered its public protest against persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany.

"To brand a considerable section of the population as inherently inferior on grounds of race alone and to cut off from the normal contacts of life persons whose families have lived in Germany for generations and who have rendered distinguished service in many fields of scholarship, art and government, is to violate the standards of honor and good faith which are the common property of civilized nations," the statement says.

"Since this policy is based on a religious interpretation of race, the present treatment of the Jews raises far deeper issues than former persecutions of Jews and other minorities based upon merely political and accidental considerations."

JAPAN.—The cabinet has approved the largest army and navy budget in Japanese empire. Of the government expenditures for next year, 46.8 per cent will be spent preparing for the next war.

SOVIET UNION.—Among industries to report completion of their production plans before the end of the year are gold and salt mining. Gold production, 25 per cent more than last year, now ranks second in the world to South Africa, and is more than three times the pre-war level.

OAKLAND PLANS AFFAIR  
OAKLAND, Dec. 5.—Wm. Schneiderman, the new district organizer of the Communist Party, will speak on "The Workers' Press and the Fight for the United Front" at the opening of the new workers' center in the East Bay on Saturday evening, Dec. 14th.

CLOTHING STRIKERS WIN  
LOS ANGELES.—(FP)—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, which recently called strikes in 51 Los Angeles shops, has signed up all but three or four. Terms include a 36-hour week, wage increases of nearly 10 per cent and time-and-a-half for overtime.

## Vegetable Oil Workers Charge Discrimination

### REGIONAL LABOR BOARD HEARINGS CONTINUE; STRIKE STILL ON

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Testimony proving that 14 employees of the Vegetable Oil Products Company of Wilmington were fired for union activity, was given here today before the regional hearing of the national labor relations board by E. F. Prior, secretary of the Soap and Edible Oil Workers' Union.

The union comprised 55 per cent of the company's employees when the union organization began several months ago, said Prior, and the 14 members were discharged shortly after that. "Ninety-seven per cent of the workers walked out in sympathy with the 14 fired workers," said Prior. "The union had never asked for a closed shop."

The strike at the plant, which is still going on, is being supported by the Teamsters' Union and the Warehousemen's Union in San Pedro and Wilmington.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Hearings of charges of violation of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act against the Vegetable Oil Product Company of Wilmington, was continued here today before a new examiner, as Antonio P. Entenza, trial examiner for the Los Angeles region of the national labor relations board and former national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and disqualified on the ground that he had spoken to the 250 strikers at the plant, after the complaint was entered against the company. He was replaced by Charles F. Lowy, former deputy state labor commissioner.

The strike and charges grew out of the discharge of 14 employees by the company for union activities.

Union members: Raise the question of having your delegate to the Central Labor Council support recognition of unemployed organizations.

## The Wolf Looks Funny With the Lamb's Coat On

(Re-printed from the Waterfront Worker.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Did you know that great "labor journalist" Bobs Purcell (where the hell could anyone get a name like that—Bobs?) who is such a good friend of Vandeleur's, and who spends his spare time hanging around the Labor Temple, is not a member of the Newspapermen's Guild—or any other union?

(Note—Purcell is the labor editor for the San Francisco Chronicle which, frightened by the staggering effect of the boycott against the San Francisco Examiner, changed its tone and is now trying to pose as "the working man's friend." The result has been a mealy-mouthed hypocrisy, more treacherous for its slyness than the open reactionary bellowing of Hearst.)

## LABOR HEARING SET FOR E. BAY PACKING FIRM

### WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION CITES FIRINGS

OAKLAND, Dec. 5.—R. G. Wagener, local director of the Regional Labor Board, has set the first hearing of a complaint charging an employer with violation of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act for Dec. 9th.

The employer in question is the Santa Cruz Packing Co. The Warehousemen's Union, affiliated with the I.L.W.U., accuses the company of firing members of the union for organizational activity.

The company has consistently refused to bargain collectively with the union and has done all in its power to prevent the Warehousemen from organizing in its plant.

The case will be heard before Henry Eickhoff, Jr., who will act as special examiner for the Relations Board. Other cases are pending before the Board. Contrary to first announcements, the Labor Relations Board is not limiting its complaints to cases clearly involving interstate commerce.

## Juneau Mine Union Officials Testify At Frame-Up Trial

### MINE OWNER OPERATIVES EXPOSED IN ATTEMPT TO PROVE 'RIOT'

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 2.—Al. Nygren, president of the striking Juneau miners' union, and Charles Crozier, vice president, denied in court during the trial of 23 other miners, on trial with charges of "rioting," that they had encouraged violence in the Alaska-Juneau gold mine strike which has been raging for over three months.

The officers took the witness stand in their own defense to disprove testimony of government and employer witnesses that the strikers and their sympathizers had been urged to use firearms and clubs upon scabs marching to work guarded by deputized imported thugs.

Crozier denied the statement of one Neil, former agent of the old union, who testified in court that he (Neil) had heard Crozier ask the strikers "how many guns and clubs they had," before the "riot" took place. Neil had previously been exposed as an undercover agent for the Alaska Juneau Mine Company.

The trial is being carried on under heavily prejudiced conditions, with the daily papers and radio viciously attacking the Union.

## 50 Refuse Salute to Nazis—Are Slugged

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, Dec. 5.—Fifty people were hurt when storm troopers marched left a parade to beat onlookers who refused to give the hated Nazi salute.

Spectators retaliated against the Nazis and in course of the brief melee several of the troopers had their uniforms ripped from them. Casimir Papez, Polish envoy to Danzig, protested to Dr. Arthur Karl Greiser, Nazi president of the Senate, regarding the episode.

We urge you to send in unit experiences for the proposed Party Work column.

## Legion Tries to Oust Professor

### Board Meeting Hears Red-Baiter's Plea For Expulsion

SAN MATEO, Calif., Dec. 3.—More than 200 local citizens attended a special hearing of the Junior College Board here last week, which reviewed the charges that Professor John Liff has been engaging in "radical activities and spreading Communist doctrines."

A group of hand-picked legionnaires had met earlier and adopted a resolution demanding Liff's immediate removal. This was presented to the board by Dr. James Foley, a local dentist, who alleged it came from a group of "county civic leaders."

Senseless Evidence.  
Dave McCullough, local red-baiter and past commander of the American Legion, presented the "evidence" to the hearing.

The first item was a copy of the Western Worker carrying notice of a meeting in San Francisco at which Liff spoke. Next a letter alleged to have been written to McCullough by a girl in Berkeley, which read in part: "Democracy implies freedom of speech and thought."

At this point, the assembled citizens broke into laughter and McCullough was obliged to discontinue.

H. Ray Gleason, representing the San Francisco American Legion Committee for Investigation of Subversive Activities, presented the program of a meeting held in San Francisco on Nov. 7. Among the speakers announced with Professor Liff were Lawrence Ross, Bill Schneiderman, Violet Orr and others, including Beatrice Kinkead. When Gleason declared that all these people were Communists, Mrs. Kinkead rose in the audience and denied it. She affirmed that the meeting was one of the Friends of the Soviet Union.

"The Red Network."

Gleason produced a copy of a booklet, "The Red Network," to

### Three Teachers Gain Re-Instatement In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Transferred and demoted for political activities against members of the board of education during the election campaign last spring and for criticism of Superintendent Bouelle's methods, three Los Angeles high school teachers today had been ordered reinstated in their former positions.

Bouelle announced the decision of the board last night, stating merely that an "amicable understanding" had been reached with A. J. Misner, Willis T. Newton, and G. L. Bergman, the teachers, who were demoted in September "for the good of the service."

A wide-spread campaign for academic freedom thus finally forced the reinstatement of these teachers, who will resume their old positions at the beginning of the next semester.

However, Dr. Winger, mathematics instructor at Los Angeles Junior College, remains dismissed from his position for asserting "radical opinions." Students at the college are carrying on a wide-spread petition campaign.

The WPA adult education project sought by the board has been approved, it was announced last night. This project will employ 700 teachers at \$94 a month.

prove that the F. S. U. is a Communist organization. Laughter again held sway when some one rose and pointed out that this same hysterical pamphlet also called President Roosevelt and some of his cabinet "Communists."

When questioned by the board, Gleason admitted that he was not present at the meeting. "I can't attend all the meetings in San Francisco," he mumbled.

The board voted to take the matter under advisement and to ask legal advice of the County District Attorney. Decision is expected on Thursday, Dec. 5. (See editorial page six).

## State Attempts to Rush Trial of 9 Scottsboro Boys

### ILD SEEKS POSTPONEMENT TO PERMIT PROPER PREPARATIONS

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Arraignment Dec. 10 and trials to begin January 6, have been announced for all nine Scottsboro boys by Judge W. W. Callahan of Decatur and Lieutenant-Governor Thomas E. Knight of Alabama. The boys were re-indicted a week ago by a Jackson County (Scottsboro) Ala., grand jury of 18, on which one Negro was seated. A two-thirds vote of the grand jury is sufficient to bring an indictment in Alabama.

Knight further announced last week that he would try Roy Wright and Eugene Williams, the two youngest of the Scottsboro boys, whose cases were previously referred to juvenile court, along with the other seven boys. He plans a quick mass trial.

Previously, Knight had announced that he would begin the trials on December 10. Since he presides over the state legislature, it is believed that he will yet attempt to railroad the trials for that date. The state legislature is scheduled to sit in January and February.

The International Labor Defense, which has conducted the defense of the boys for four and a half years, and has won two reversals of convictions against them, in the United States Supreme Court, will fight for postponement of the trials, to permit a proper preparation of the defense on the basis of the newest developments in the case, Anna Damon, acting national secretary, announced.

A determined fight to prevent trial of Roy Wright and Eugene Williams in circuit court, and to maintain their juvenile status, will also be made, she said.

Protests against the railroad of the boys, and demand for postponement to permit adequate defense preparations, should be addressed to Governor Bibb Graves and Lieutenant-Governor Thomas E. Knight, at Montgomery, Ala., and to Judge W. W. Callahan at Decatur, Ala.

## EAST OF THE Rockies

### Unpaid Students Idle Funds Minimum Wage Laws Free Concerts Asked Work Relief Won Child Labor Up

NEW YORK.—A demand for immediate payment of overdue wages to NYA student workers is contained in a letter from the American Youth congress, federation of 853 young people's organizations, to National Administrator Aubrey Williams.

The letter points out that the NYA has already run one-third of its span, with little accomplished, and with red tape and "deplorable sabotage" holding up projects and holding back pay which students must have to remain in school. The congress asks for representation on the NYA advisory committee and expresses regret at the resignation of Fairfield Osborn, who recently quit his job as New York State NYA director in disgust at long-continued delays.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—The unemployed whose relief is being cut off for "lack of funds" may derive some consolation from the fact that there is an "accumulation of a vast amount of idle funds in the hands of investors," according to the Federal Reserve Bulletin for November.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—There are still 32 states which have no minimum wage laws, the U. S. Department of Labor reports, pointing out that "experience under the NRA has also shown the need of establishing legal minimum rates for men as well as for women."

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Musicians Local 802 has opened a drive against charging admission to concerts given by musicians on WPA. The relief project concerts were originally planned for the unemployed, who are excluded when admission is charged.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Despite oft-repeated affirmations that the limit had been reached and not another man could be put to work, the New York City WPA has decided to add 15,000 more, bringing the total to 245,000 WPA workers. Under pressure of unemployed organizations and other groups which refused to accept "no" for an answer, the WPA administration changed its mind—not for the first time.

NEW YORK.—Child labor is increasing in the United States, according to the annual report of the National Child Labor Committee. Estimating that nearly 1,000,000 children of 15 years or younger are now employed in the United States, the report cites an investigation in four Paterson, N. J., silk mills where children of 13, 14, and 15 were working. In New York City, during September, 1428 permits for full-time work were granted to 14 and 15 year old children, compared with 390 in September, 1934.

## Japanese Seamen Gain Demands in Two-Day Strike

TOKYO, Dec. 2.—The great strike against the Osaka Steamship Company by the Japanese Seamen, has resulted in a substantial success for the workers, although full details of the agreement are not available as yet. The major demands of the seamen have been granted including an increase in wages and "notice money" for a period in advance, when a seaman is fired. Full Union recognition was granted. Over thirty vessels of the company were tied up by the strike. So effective was it, that the owners agreed to settle three days after the strike was called.

is an old-time newspaper man. The comrades on the waterfront must see to it that their fellow trade unionists, who do not already read the WESTERN WORKER become readers. The rank and file of the unions rapidly is learning the lessons of the class struggle and increasingly, from now on, this rank and file will be demanding a correct policy to follow in its struggles, which are bound to increase, not diminish. This is how the WESTERN WORKER can be used on the waterfront.

# Los Angeles Maps Plans for Western Worker Drive

## Southern California Section Conference Adopts Control Program; Will Boost Circulation, Increase News

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—Plans for building up the mass circulation of the Western Worker were adopted here by a special conference last Saturday at the Cultural Center.

A control plan, whereby the circulation is to be built up to 1500 copies of the Thursday issue and 1000 copies of the Monday issue of the Western Worker, is to be completed by January 21st.

## W.W. DRIVE TO BE MAIN ISSUE UNTIL MAR. 14

CIRCULATION IS MAJOR PART OF CAMPAIGN

SAN FRANCISCO.—Between now and March 14, the WESTERN WORKER financial drive is the major campaign throughout the whole of District 13.

Each section must immediately start working out definite plans for raising the quotas printed in another column at the earliest possible stage in the campaign. All sections must keep the WESTERN WORKER informed of the affairs which they are planning so that effective publicity can be given.

## RELIEF OFFICIAL MOVED

JACKSON, Miss.—(FP)—Kenneth W. Wendler, relief official, got too hardboiled even for Texas, so the federal government has sent him to Mississippi as administrator of emergency funds. While acting as administrator at Austin, Tex., the entire county board resigned in protest against his policies. He carries with him scars inflicted by two relief clients driven to desperation by his acts.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAMPAIGN

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YOUR SECTION QUOTA IS HERE  
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## A CALENDAR FOR THREE MONTHS

Following are the quotas, by sections, to be raised in the WESTERN WORKER drive for a \$7500 sustaining fund. Here also is a tentative calendar of activities during the different periods comprising the drive.

The quotas were set by the District Bureau and may be revised by the sections. Sections are divided into different classes for the purpose of equality in Socialist competition. Prizes will be announced at the opening of the drive on January 1, 1936.

GROUP A	
Section	Quota
Los Angeles	\$3500
San Francisco	2500
GROUP B	
East Bay	350
San Diego	350
GROUP C	
San Mateo	100
Santa Barbara	75
Monterey	75
Sonoma	75
GROUP D	
San Bernardino	50
Sacramento	50
Fresno	50
San Jose	50
Eureka	50
Contra Costa	50
GROUP E	
Bakersfield	25
Porterville	25
Stockton	25
Merced	25
Tulare	25
Nevada	25
Arizona	25
TOTAL	\$7500

workers who may never have heard of it.

Take the WESTERN WORKER to your house parties and to all mass meetings. Write stories of the struggles in your neighborhood, factory or union and when they appear in the WESTERN WORKER take a few copies of that issue to the place. Sell it or give it away. Some of the workers who read it will want it again.

Another way in which the WESTERN WORKER can be in-

## The Western Worker and Its Part In the Struggles on the Waterfront; the Voice of the Communist Party

During the great maritime struggle of 1934 the Communist Party fought consistently against every single sell-out maneuver made by the rats of the labor movement whom the shipowners sent scurrying up and down the local waterfront and in every port on the West Coast.

The WESTERN WORKER was and is the organ of the Communist Party on the Pacific Coast. It carries the emblem of revolution, the Hammer and Sickle on its mast head. It carries the "line" of the Communist Party in every editorial, every feature article, every news story, every cartoon.

Following the 1934 strike the WESTERN WORKER continued to fight consistently for strong, rank and file controlled unions on the front. Bricks, paving stones and rocks were hurled through the old office at 37 Grove street. Police dogged WESTERN WORKER salesmen on the front and elsewhere. Police and "red squad" members visited our offices.

The WESTERN WORKER publicized the maneuvers of the now discredited Paul Scharenberg during the Tanker Strike. Scharenberg, realizing the power of this publicity, time and again attacked the WESTERN WORKER during the time he was fighting to keep his position in the International Seamen's Union. He was kicked out by an enraged rank and file and the first news of his expulsion was carried in the WESTERN WORKER beneath a banner headline.

Because the Communist Party is a revolutionary party, steeled in battle and experienced in a thousand and one struggles against the employers, it is the Party that best is qualified to analyze the maneuvers of the profit makers and their tools within the unions. The WESTERN WORKER, because it speaks always as the Communist Party, is equipped to give guidance and advice to the workers on the waterfront. It is

qualified to print the news that is true—not what the employers, the shipowners, would like to see in print.

Moreover, the WESTERN WORKER is not a profit-making newspaper. It constantly is faced with financial problems which eventually are solved, not by going to the Emporium or the Junior Chamber of Commerce for a full-page, paid advertisement, but through the nickels and dimes and quarters turned in by the working class on the West Coast. Many of these nickels and dimes and quarters come from the waterfront.

The man on the front who reads the WESTERN WORKER, who invariably will find, is the man who knows the most about the present struggle with the employers for the right to live decently, for the right to belong to a strong union and to act as union men all over the world.

The WESTERN WORKER tries always to speak in the voice of the rank and file of the trade unions. Sometimes it makes mistakes in fact and there is "hell to pay" until the mistake is corrected. The WESTERN WORKER staff regrets and remembers these errors long after they are forgotten on the front and attempts always to see that they do not occur again.

The WESTERN WORKER, because it is on guard day and night against any new attack the shipowners loose against the waterfront unions can be made into the most valuable publicity agent and the most consistent advisor for all the waterfront unions.

Communist Party members on the waterfront must be proud of the paper that speaks for their Party. They must see to it that the WESTERN WORKER gets ALL the news of the waterfront in FIRST. Hearst already has attempted to buy out the waterfront reporter for the WESTERN WORKER. He realizes the value of the news we carry—and Hearst



## Rip Tides

By Le Mae.

Not having had the opportunity of attending one of the "higher institutions of learning," we don't know just where or how a student acquires his knowledge of daily events in the struggle for a living in this "free and democratic country of ours." By using a little imagination, we surmise an up and coming young college student would acquire what little he did gather of worldly knowledge from: one, "College Humor" or similar sophisticated "worldly" publications; two, from the headlines and sport pages of the daily capitalist press; three, during the half period of a football game, and lastly from the size of his last check from a fond parent.

However, after reading in the latest issue of the "Daily Californian" an article under the quite appropriate title "Merry Go Round," by one Edward E. Dolder, we take it all back.

Here is one college student who gets his "knowledge" or shall we just simply call it "information" from, quite obviously, the shipowners... jumping at conclusion... hardly... merely a simple case of deductions... Edward F. Dolder '36 in what we assume is his best style of "heavy" sarcasm, decides that the crew of the freighter Oregon, sold their ideals for a little "dirty gold"... that after striking the vessel, which was bound for Ethiopian front... they went back aboard the vessel and took her out after a fat bonus had been assured them... that they had "sold their Marxist idealism!"

"Oh, yes, how do we deduce that student (he is a student?) Dolder obtained his information from the shipowners... simply because even the rabid Hearst papers admitted, 'THAT THE OREGON ESCAPED FROM SAN PEDRO WITH A FULL CROWD OF SCABS DURING A THICK FOG'... just in case Herr Dolder comes from that strata of this 'classless' country of ours, who are able to afford such things as a yacht, we quote the Hearst papers further, 'THE NON-UNION MEN WERE PLACED ABOARD THE OREGON WHICH WAS LYING AT ANCHOR BY THE YACHT CAMINO'... so you see, Dolder did not get his news from Hearst... certainly not from the Unions... very well if Mr. Dolder denies receiving this information from the shipowners, then obviously he is for some reason best known to himself, deliberately attempting to discredit the Seamen... in case Herr Dolder is convinced that the Union men did return to that ship, we urge him to wander the 'beach' at San Pedro and in an offhand way, repeat what he has written... ah, then Dolder... would get a real 'education'... AND THE CORRECT INFORMATION.

### Gallagher, Howe to Talk at I.L.D. Meet In L.A. on Dec. 21

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Leo Gallagher, internationally known labor attorney, and Carl Howe of the National Gallup Defense Committee, will be the speakers at a big Christmas Concert to be given by the I.L.D., District 14, Los Angeles, for the benefit of political prisoners, at the Mason Opera House on the night of December 21st.

A unique feature of this party will be a huge Christmas tree laden with gift packages to be distributed to members of the families of our political prisoners. All sympathizers who can possibly do so, are urged to bring gift packages.

An interesting musical and entertainment program has been arranged.

## Strike Prevention Through Treachery

### A SCAB-HERDER'S OWN STORY

This concludes a short series on the ways and means of breaking strikes in the United States.

#### ARTICLE III.

In his book, "I Break Strikes", P. L. Bergoff gives a remarkable description of the work of the Bergoff Service Bureau during its 30 years of scab-herding, spying, murder and general strike-breaking. The following is condensed from Bergoff's own story:

#### Constant Spying.

How do we handle a big strike involving several thousand men and how do we obtain the information on what is brewing in an industry?

Our informers work all over the U. S. Some of them are officials in the labor unions; in fact we have our men in almost any labor union of the country. They keep us posted on what is going on in every industry but especially on the activities of agitators. We have often placed such informers amongst the workers following the request of manufacturers who prefer to prevent strikes rather than wait until they have actually broken out.

The preparations for the breaking up of a strike resemble a miniature mobilization of an army. We avail ourselves for this purpose of lists with names and addresses, collected and classified during the 30 years we have been in business. Our files cover every district and contain thousands of names of people of every trade and profession who are willing to work. The index cards are complete with address and curriculum, and are constantly completed and revised so that we are in a position to make up gangs of 10, 100 or 1000 men for every kind of work, almost at a moment's notice.

#### Strike of Strike Breakers.

Additional men are obtained through want-ads in the newspapers. I remember an experience I had with a gang of men from the Salvation Army in New York, the only case in my practice when strike breakers went on strike. There were 600 men available at the Salvation Army hostel near Grand street, most of whom had been out of work for years. I picked 350 of them and we agreed on a pay of 40 cents per hour, plus board and lodging. Next morning at 4 o'clock I got them off to the Clyde-Mallory Line pier where they were to work. Three days passed and they struck asking 70c per hour. It took me just two hours to kick them out and put my own reliable men in their place. This is the kind of people upon whom the Salvation Army wastes its efforts.

Most strike breakers are adventurers, men who are out of work and do not wish regular work. What they are after is the excitement, the kick they get out of it and a temporary occupation that will keep them going for some time. Others are recruited from amongst the unemployed. Again there are those who make strike breaking their specialty and would be genuinely offended if anybody ventured to offer them other work. The overseers, and especially the spies, are men with good manners and not without education, but it stands to reason that we cannot employ Sunday school teachers for such jobs.

#### Reds Against Spies.

Our "Strike Prevention Department" smuggles its men into the

rank and file of the workers of a big concern. These men have all the qualifications of leaders: they possess courage, a gift of persuasion and eloquence, so that they can effectively counteract the influence of agitators.

Professional agitators are our specialty. We have evolved our own method of treating such cases. I use the term "treating" because I feel that the services we render to trade and industry are similar to the services of a physician.

My biggest job was with the Erie Railroad in 1920, when I supplied about 7000 men during four months and a half. The company paid \$2,000,000 for this job. Theodore Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company of New York, and his business manager, Frank Hedley, paid us over a million dollars for breaking the subway strike in 1916. The City of New York availed itself of our services on two occasions. Our offices have been used also by the U. S. Government, but I am not in a position to reveal the nature of the work we did for them.

#### He Did His Bit.

Since the war, one of my biggest jobs has been the McKees Rock, Pennsylvania, strike, one of the bloodiest and most difficult ever handled. We kept 4000 men on the spot during 49 days. There was much fighting on both sides. Altogether there were 22 dead and 216 wounded and we had to turn three freight cars into hospitals and ambulances. We paid from 4000 to 5000 dollars for every one of our dead, but the earnings were so high that we did not mind.

During the war I stayed in the country and did my bit by keeping the railways—the arteries of the nation—going. I consider that I did work for the government then. The protection of the railways was divided between my firm and a competitor of ours.

The question of arming our guards and overseers has always been one of importance. We are frequently called upon to supply armed guards. We used to maintain a proper armory; 2500 rifles with lots of ammunition, thousands of police and other bludgeons, etc. Special men were in charge of this military equipment. Since then we have changed our equipment and adapted ourselves to modern requirements, but for business reasons I have to keep our new methods secret.

#### BOYCOTT HEARST NEWSPAPERS!

I particularly wish to stress that the actual breaking of strikes is only one of our lines of business. We now concentrate upon strike prevention, for which purpose we try to win the confidence of the conservative workers and to discredit the radicals and agitators. The eloquence of our men that we keep for this purpose in the midst of the workers equals that of any agitator.

## Three Per Cent Own All the Wealth



BY BEAU VINCENT

Keep off the grass  
And out of the fields,  
And don't trespass.  
Keep out of the buildings  
And off the lawns;  
You're the working class.  
America is the space between the cracks  
In the pavement,  
And the space between the railroad ties,  
And the rest of it is fenced and owned  
By the top hat guys.  
You can sit on a park bench;  
If not too long  
But keep off the lawn;  
You don't belong.  
You don't own a damned thing  
But muscle and brain;  
You're a man without property  
Out in the rain.  
In those warm mansions,  
Three per cent  
Own all the land,  
Reap all the rent.  
They've got it all  
And want still more.  
Step up, America,  
And knock on the door.  
Tell them that democracy  
Is about to begin;  
That the joke is over  
And you're moving in.

—By Michael Quin.

### L.A. Actor Takes Job in New York Left-Wing Show

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—William Ghre, formerly prominent in left-wing dramatics here, is playing a prominent role in the New York production of "Let Freedom Ring," play of the southern textile workers, it was learned here today.

While playing a role in "Till the Day I Die," anti-Nazi play by Clifford Odets, in a Hollywood theater here last spring, Ghre was kidnapped by men identified as belonging to the Friends of New Germany, and was severely beaten. Ghre recently returned to this country from a trip to the Soviet Union.

### Jurisdictional Fight In Hollywood Studio

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 29.—Strike between the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, gave rise to a strike threat involving motion picture projectionists and electrical workers in Paramount theaters throughout the country.

The Alliance charged that Dewey Wrigley, Paramount cameraman, was forced to resign because he was asked to carry an I.B.E.W. card, and threatened the strike.

A number of years ago a strike of the Alliance was broken in the Hollywood studios, when the I.B.E.W. failed to walk out to a jurisdictional dispute.

## RADIO BROADCAST AMATEURS ORGANIZED AND DRILLED AS U. S. NAVAL RESERVE FORCE

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—One proof that Uncle Sam's interest in and encouragement of radio amateurs is not solely benevolent paternalism, is in the Naval Communications Reserve, of which the 11th Naval District unit is based here.

The entire set-up of this communications reserve of the Navy is based on, and exists solely because of the large numbers of radio 'hams,' upon which it draws for its personnel.

In San Diego the amateurs who form the set-up are given extensive drills every Thursday. Navy regulations are followed, and all their work is routed accordingly. They are tested and rated like regular servicemen. In case of war or a national emergency they would enter the Navy in their reserve rating.

#### Nationwide.

An extensive network of stations has been built up by the N.C.R. set-up. The local station, the master for the 11th Naval District, is NDT, in the Naval Reserve Armory on the Embarcadero. The key stations of the reserve network are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Honolulu; all these stations being operated by 'hams,' members of the N.C.R.

They, of course, directly cooperate with the regular Navy key stations in Washington, Key West, San Juan, New Orleans, Balboa, Puget Sound, San Francisco, Honolulu, and the huge station NPL, here in San Diego, on Chollas Heights.

These stations operate on either side of the 80 and 40 meter amateur bands, on wavelengths which make it easy to contact the 'hams.' In the vicinity of the N.C.R. key stations there are usually a dozen or more amateur stations, belonging to the members of the reserve, upon which the key stations can depend for secondary reserves, etc. For example, in San Diego there are over 12 of these 'ham' stations. This sort of set-up assures that there will always be stations in reserve. If something should happen to a few stations, others would always be there to fall back on.

#### Could Be Drafted.

It is reported that every member of the San Diego corps of the N.C.R. has a list of the various civic units which would take part in relief set-ups in case of disaster. Included in this list is the day and night telephones of every American Legion post in the vicinity.

This communications set-up, is only one of the purposes for which the government encourages radio 'hams.' Another reason is that both the Navy and the Army are at present operating with short forces; consequently the various departments of the services are short-handed, especially the radio communications corps. By fathering groups of 'hams,' the government, at no cost, is training forces which in case of war or an emergency would be immediately drafted, as experts, into both the Army and Navy.

The set-up of the Naval Communications Reserve is also an ideal one for use in the so-called fascist 'disaster plans' of the various cities up and down the Coast. No wonder Mayor Percy Benson of prospects for the Party.

#### Hiding the Party Face.

Secondly, many of our trade union comrades have shown a hesitancy in approaching members in their locals for the Party. Not only that, but the same hesitancy is shown in giving these prospects certain kinds of literature. The comrades say, "There is no one in my local who is ready for the Party," or "I will expose myself if I give a worker the Western Worker, etc.," or "The workers in my local are much too backward politically," etc. These remarks can only mean that our comrades are isolated from the workers in their locals. If the workers are backward, then isn't it our job to educate them and to increase their political grasp? How else will they develop their understanding of organizational and political problems?

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### A CULTURAL NOTE FROM W.P.A.

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES—Struggle is more convincing than theory. As an unemployed worker, I have become more than convinced of this in the last month as a result of my own practical experience. Although I have been unemployed for some time, I did not realize the importance of organized struggle until I played a role in "Formation Left," the Contemporary Theater production about the unemployed movement. At this time I was on a WPA project and started to work at midnight. The night of the dress rehearsal, I stayed at the theater too long and was fired from the project for arriving five minutes late at the job.

Thinking of the practical lessons taught by "Formation Left," I went to the Boyle Heights branch of the Public Works and Unemployed Union on Evergreen avenue. A grievance committee got me reinstated on the project, and had me transferred to day work. As a result of this practical demonstration, I am firmly convinced of the necessity of the unemployed organizing to protect themselves.

### ILD Asks Funds for Clay Naff; Arizona Board Fails to Act

FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 2.—(FP)—No action has yet been taken by the state board of pardons and paroles in the case of Clay Naff, framed leader of the working class and candidate in the last gubernatorial election on the Communist Party ticket, who was sentenced to the state prison here on charges of "inciting to riot," last winter.

Sentenced to a maximum term of two years in the Florence penitentiary, Naff has served almost a year because of his activities in the behalf of the workers and farmers of this state.

The International Labor Defense calls upon all individuals and organizations to send prison relief to this class-war prisoner. Send communications and relief to Clay Naff, State Prison, Florence, Ariz.

### Unity Action Sought On Jobless Problems

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—Representatives of Epic Club, Utopian groups, unemployed groups, and allied organizations will meet here tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the End Poverty League headquarters, 123 N. Lake street, to discuss the problems of the unemployed.

The present relief set-up, the transfer of unemployed workers to "garbage basket aid," and the W.P.A. relief organization will be discussed in an attempt to arrive at united action.

bought of San Diego wants the Navy to cooperate in the "Disaster Plan" he is concocting to suppress any potential militant action by organized labor.

## WHERE TO GO

ORGANIZATIONS! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. Low rates—7c a line, in advance!

### — San Francisco —

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN—Christmas Eve, a 779 Vallejo Affair. Dance, Entertainment, Games. Admission 15c. Benefit: Christmas Relief for Political Prisoners.

DANCE AND BAZAAR, Saturday, December 7, 8:00 p. m., Druids Hall, 44 Page street. Benefit Criminal Syndicalism victims. Union music. Prizes. Auspices: Conference for Repeal of C. S. Act.

DANCE EVERY WED. AND SAT NITE, 121 Haight st., at 8:00 o'clock. Different surprises every Wed. and Sat. nite. Admission 15 cts. Auspices Music Club and House Committee.

CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE. Auspices Sports and Recreational Committee District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Moose Hall, 1621 Market street. Adm. 35 Cts.

NITE OF UNITED Friendship, Sunday, Dec. 15, 8 p. m. at 779 Vallejo street, Chinese Music, chop suey, dancing and games. For the benefit of the S. F. Chinese Council for Self-Defense of China.

VECEKINKA given by South Slav Workers' Club, Sun., Dec. 8, 1935 at 779 Vallejo street. After-dinner Dance, Good Music Door Prize—Admission 35c.

Have You a Date XMAS EVE. If not make one for the ANNUAL BALL of the International Workers Order at 121 Haight street, Tuesday Dec. 24, 8 p. m. Good Music. Lots of fun. Plenty of recreation.

ANY WATCH REPAIRED reasonable. Call between 7 and 9 p. m. 67 Fourth st. at Zlot's Cafeteria.

SUKIYAKI PARTY (Delicious Japanese Food). Benefit of the Western Worker and Rodo Shimbun, on Sat., Dec. 14th, 7 p. m. 1740 O'Farrell street.

ZOWIE! THE EVENING you've been waiting for! Grand Western Worker Frolic! 121 Haight, (3rd Floor), Sunday Night, Dec. 15th. Swell Eat! Dance, Music! Door Prize! Surprises! Adm. 10c.

### The Bear Lunch

Food of Superior Quality BEER ON TAP • WINES LIQUOR C. D. Bangas Phone UN-9529 1116a Market Street.

### Oakland

OPEN FORUM—Every Sunday Nite, 8 o'clock. Workers Center, 419 12th street

### Los Angeles

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p. m. Admission ten cents.

FOURTH ANNUAL WESTERN WORKER PRESS BAZAAR, Weekend of Dec. 13-14-15, Los Angeles Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring street.

SAT., DEC. 28TH WILL BE the Japan Night (Rodo Shimbun). Watch further announcements.

HEAR LEO GALLAGHER, famous labor defense attorney, and CARL HOWE, of Gallup Defense Committee, at the Christmas Concert for Political Prisoners, Dec. 21st, Mason Opera House, 127 South Broadway. Auspices: I. L. D. District 14.

XMAS EVE DANCE. At Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring street, December 24. Auspices L. A. Workers' School. EVERYONE will be there. Music by famous Woodman Bros. Syncopators. Snazzy floor show. Refreshments. Admission 25 Cents.

FURRIERS RESTRAINED FROM PICKETING SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—"Justice" joined in the attack against the striking fur workers, when a temporary restraining order was issued by Superior Judge Griffin, against the International Fur Workers' Union, Local 79, restraining picketing of the M. Harris Corporation, Geary street furriers.

The temporary order was issued pending trial for permanent injunction against the Union. The Harris company is one of the two fur establishments that have refused to deal with the Union.

## Work of Party Fractions in Recruiting From A.F.L.

### OUR RECRUITING FROM THE AFL TRADE UNIONS.

District Trade Union Commission.

#### By M. C.

We assume that it is not necessary to repeat the importance of recruiting from the American Federation of Labor unions. This has been many times discussed by units, sections and sub-sections. Certainly we understand that the best trade union work in regards to rank and file bulletins, our general policy in the locals, our ability to guide our locals, is of no permanent value to our movement if we do not assure its continuance by recruiting into the Party. Only by increasing the strength and prestige of our fractions will we be able to ward off attacks made against us by the reactionaries, and will we be able to guarantee the unification of the trade union movement. There is no other method. This question becomes vitally important during the present recruiting drive because of the bad showing our sections are making in recruiting AFL members. Some sections, such as Santa

Barbara, Tulare, Santa Rosa, Contra Costa, San Jose, Eureka, Fresno, and Bakersfield, have not recruited a single AFL member into the Party since September 1st. Only eight sections in our District have done any such recruiting. The total of 156 is distributed as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO:  
Waterfront unions .....70  
Building trade unions .....2  
Culinary unions .....3  
Railroad .....1  
Printing .....4  
Teamsters unions .....3  
Needle unions .....1  
Mine unions .....2  
Musicians, Upholsterers, Laundry .....3  
TOTAL .....90

LOS ANGELES:  
Waterfront unions .....3  
Building-trade unions .....10  
Railroad unions .....2  
Culinary unions .....3  
Needle unions .....4  
Cleaners, Dyers, Upholsterers, Photo-Engravers, Hospital Workers, Optical Technicians 10

Agricultural unions .....1  
Miscellaneous .....33  
TOTAL .....34

EAST BAY:  
Waterfront unions .....6  
Building trade unions .....4  
Railroad and Transportation .....4  
Culinary .....1  
Miscellaneous .....4  
TOTAL .....19

SAN DIEGO:  
Agriculture .....1  
Building trades .....1  
Printing trades .....1  
Miscellaneous .....1  
TOTAL .....4

SACRAMENTO:  
Building trades .....1  
Waterfront .....1  
TOTAL .....2

STOCKTON:  
Agriculture .....4  
Culinary .....1  
TOTAL .....5

MONTEREY:  
Agriculture .....2

### PENINSULA:

Miscellaneous .....1

Why is our recruiting from the trade unions so weak? Firstly, because of poor functioning of our trade union fractions. When recruiting is taken up in the street units, and a general plan of work is decided upon, that plan naturally is based on the neighborhood work of that unit. Only when the fractions of the unions are meeting regularly, understanding that their main function is recruiting, and thereby taking the recruiting drive right into their own mass organization, will we recruit from the unions. And our recruiting will be of greater numbers and will steadily increase. Not a single fraction meeting must pass without the full discussion of various workers that should be approached for the Party, as well as a discussion by the whole fraction of what literature should be given to certain workers to prepare them for coming into the Party. Therefore, our first solution for increasing the recruiting from the trade unions, is good functioning of fractions, and their regular discus-

son of prospects for the Party.

Hiding the Party Face. Secondly, many of our trade union comrades have shown a hesitancy in approaching members in their locals for the Party. Not only that, but the same hesitancy is shown in giving these prospects certain kinds of literature. The comrades say, "There is no one in my local who is ready for the Party," or "I will expose myself if I give a worker the Western Worker, etc.," or "The workers in my local are much too backward politically," etc. These remarks can only mean that our comrades are isolated from the workers in their locals. If the workers are backward, then isn't it our job to educate them and to increase their political grasp? How else will they develop their understanding of organizational and political problems?

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unions are recruited by non-union comrades, while our Party comrades in that union never even approached that worker, and labelled him as "backward." This hesitancy must be overcome if we are to recruit quickly and in large numbers from the unions.

#### Improve Fractions.

In sections where a trade union commission is functioning, the question of taking up recruiting with each fraction should be done at once. In smaller sections, where one comrade is acting as trade union director, then that comrade should meet with each fraction, organize it permanently and take up recruiting. In sections where we do not have such an apparatus, it is most important that the section organizer himself organize these fractions, and personally push the comrades on this question of recruiting.

If this is done, particularly in smaller sections, this most important kind of recruiting will strengthen the trade unions and will also give the Party good comrades for functionaries, and break its isolation.



## Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

After years of registration, classification and study on the part of relief authorities to determine the occupational characteristics of millions of unemployed workers, all pretense of assigning them to socially useful work on WPA according to their skill and trade has been dropped. Despite the words of Roosevelt in his recent speech at Atlanta that persons are being put to work "on various useful projects," thousands are being dumped helter skelter onto pick, shovel and wheelbarrow projects over the country in the mountains, miles from their places of residence. While other thousands await a fate as yet undetermined as Harry Hopkins announces a "final" appropriation to California for relief purposes and the liquidation of FERA on a national scale.

Typewriters are pounding, night lights are burning and everyone is all jitter at 12 and Santa St. (WPA Headquarters). Wild eyed SERA visitors are rushing madly through the streets from house to house in a frantic effort to deliver thousands of WPA work orders that automatically is calculated to wipe out the need for social workers and is supposed to banish the "dole" to the New Deal museum to gather dust alongside the "blue eagle."

Hubert B. received three WPA work orders the same day to report to three different jobs. . . . Pick and shovel, sewing and music.

Fellow Worker Kitchen has only one hand. . . . He received a WPA order to report on a pick and shovel project. . . .

Henry J. and his wife have eight children. Under SERA he was receiving \$106.35 a month, direct relief for their support. . . . Saturday Henry went to work on a pick and shovel job, 120 hours a month for \$55.00. . . .

Dan W. spent six months, at 45 dollars a month, out in Griffith Park, planting trees for the . . . CCC.

Now he is getting 55 dollars a month in the same park . . . digging up trees . . . on WPA. . . .

Carl D. is an actor by profession. He is now playing a small part in a farce . . . along with 60 others at Alameda and Olive ave. in Burbank. . . .

He is helping widen a road with pick and shovel on WPA job No. 1160.

The job is estimated to last six weeks. . . . Carl says a tractor would do the job . . . in two days. . . .

On the WPA job at Florestan ave. and Yosemite Drive the Sat. afternoon shift unloaded and stacked lumber. Men on the Monday morning shift moved and re-stacked the lumber. Men on the afternoon shift of the same day moved the lumber to another location on the lot. . . .

As we passed Tuesday morning the bosses were having the men move the lumber to another spot.

Wheelbarrows, on this project are stenciled CWA, re-stenciled SERA and are now to be stamped WPA. . . .

Workers are being sent on WPA projects classed as laborers and once on the job are asked to do carpenter, blacksmith and jack-hammer work at the wage rate of 55 dollars per month. . . .

Ten per cent of those assigned to WPA projects in L. A. County will be paid union rates of pay. Ten per cent of the men on project 644 are bosses. . . .

Since FERA is to be abolished, let's hope the Surplus Foods Corporation and the canned beef it distributes will also be abolished.

The last time we offered canned beef to our cat, he smelled it and instead of eating it . . . started to cover it up. . . .

## 5000 L.A. Workers Face Cut in Relief

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Approximately 5000 workers will have their relief cut by January 1st, through transfer from the county charity rolls to state old-age pension rolls, it was revealed here in announcement by Rex Thomson, county superintendent of charities. The monthly "pension" ranges from \$10 to \$33 a month. Thomson said that 21,000 per-

## Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

"Rubber Truncheon," by Wolfgang Langhof. (E. P. Dutton & Co.) \$2.50.

Out of Germany today are coming vital human documents which show a continuance of moral degeneracy in a fascist state. None of these is more powerful, more gripping, more terrifyingly authentic, and yet simply told, than "Rubber Truncheon."

It cannot be read objectively, nor with a feeling that the situation and conditions recorded are foreign, unrelated to us in America; not with Santa Rosa vigilantes tarring and feathering militant labor leaders.

Liberals will find the book a mirror of the role some of them have been playing and will go on playing in America.

One feels a mounting nausea and indignation at "civilization" in ruling-class Germany today, but greater than that one feels an admiration for the German communists who are undefeatable, courageous, persevering in their struggle to liberate the German people, to lead them out of the insufferable hell of Nazism.

Arrested for being an actor, tortured in prison under "protective arrest" and in the Bormann concentration camp for thirteen months, suddenly released without explanation—that is Wolfgang Langhof's story.

The author, who loved Germany, must forego life in his fatherland until a new Germany comes into being.

Langhof tells of the splits in the storm troops; desertions, reluctance of some of the guards to beat the prisoners.

Langhof had many talks with the guards on the moors; when he told them that Hitler claimed to know everything that was going on in Germany, including the treatment prisoners are accorded in the concentration camps (which many of the guards object to and see no reason for) they shook their heads and refused to believe, they couldn't believe it. Later on, however, some of these same guards, as have many storm troops, joined the Communist Party of Germany and became militant communists.

Langhof's experiences can be compared with those of the communist, Karl Billinger, author of "Fatherland." Billinger and Langhof were in different camps and prisons but their treatment was similar: beatings, torture, physical indignities. Billinger's book interprets from a Marxian point of view; Langhof, with no political affiliations, simply records events and feelings. Yet he arrives at a Marxian point of view before he is through. He is overwhelmed, as is the reader, with admiration for the courage of the communists, who do not give up and do not lose faith in themselves, the proletariat.

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## Hoodlums Used to Provoke Violence In S. D. Strike

\$100 REWARD OFFERED BY UNION INVOLVED

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 26.—In an effort to break the two months old strike of the culinary unions against the Golden Lion Cafe here, hoodlums have been used to throw a stench bomb into the cafe, breaking through a window to do so. Thus the cry of violence could be raised, in an effort to work up public sentiment against the strike which, through its picket line which has been maintained almost continuously, has brought Louis Provost, the cafe owner, into court seeking injunctions against the culinary unions. (Two of these restraining orders have been issued against the unions but the picketing has continued in spite of them.)

Spiking the cries of violence against the unions, J. W. Brown, business agent of Waiters' and Bartenders, No. 500, speaking for his union and Cooks and Waitresses, No. 402, stated: "We wish to notify the public that we have not been responsible in any way for the disturbances caused at the Golden Lion tavern."

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## Eggs Are Jewels on W. P. A.

A Short Story

By "Tim Toiler"

The whistle blows and the morning crew lends its five-hour shift. We scurry over a mountain of loose earth and descend into the deep trench.

"All right, boys, let's go!" shouts the city foreman, the WPA foreman and the straw bosses—we have three kinds.

We grasp picks and shovels. There is Slade (all names are fictitious for obvious reasons—T.T.) who was a meat packer, and Goldberg, the little Jewish tailor, and the Slav with the big walrus mustaches who used to make jewelry. There are enough mechanics, body and fender men and chauffeurs to start an automobile factory.

Bill, who works beside me, is a university graduate. He studied agricultural engineering at Rutgers. He had put in an application for timekeeper, which pays \$95 per month. He passed the examination easily but he didn't know "the right people." The first few days Bill talked about the romance of construction and the feel of the good old earth. But that was before we got down deep—eight, ten, fifteen feet down into the trench and the walls of cold earth and timber began to look like the sides of a huge canyon. I felt poetic about it, too. It reminded me of a poem in "Lenin Lives."

The pick goes up  
And the pick goes down,  
Turning the earth  
And the hard stone.

A song compounded  
Of earth and sun  
And hue of the digger  
Blent in one.

But that was only for the first day. Now my muscles ache and

my hands are calloused and blistered, while Bill as he manures the walls for the timberman, groans: "Christ! My back's still sore from yesterday."

And then, how can you think of poetry when you have to keep dodging picks wielded by green hands. Despite all the directives from the three varieties of foremen we somehow always get bunched up and someone swinging a pick too far over his head is liable to connect with yours. And then you'll be carried away bleeding, like the fellow with the grey shirt.

To some, pick and shovel comes easy. Big Boy, who works in the structural excavation and has the build of a Joe Louis, is a symphony of grace and power. But to most of us it is a torture and a hardship. One little fellow collapsed. When we brought him to he sobbed like a child.

"Buck up, man," we told him. "Please, please don't fire me," he begged of the straw boss.

He had a wife and children dependent upon him and had been working despite a rupture. The \$55 per month pay meant more to him than personal welfare. The straw boss conferred with the WPA foreman, Class 2, who in turn conferred with the city foreman. They made him a water-boy.

Our \$55 pay is the topic of endless discussion. It is called "Security Wage." Pedro Rodriguez swears it is a payout. He has a family of seven and received \$16.37 weekly under the SERA.

"I gotta one leetle girl—she seek," he tells us. "The doctor say give lotta milk and eggs."

"Eggs!" exclaimed Antonio. "Eggs is jewels."

"Eggs is jewels. . . ." Well,

there is poetry in this trench after all.

"And what about carfare?" demands another. Aside from its financial aspect, travelling to and from the job is a problem. A few have old cars, but the majority ride the trolleys. Although there is a project only two blocks from my home, I was assigned to one away on the other side of Los Angeles. I ride on three trolley cars and a bus and it takes me two hours to get there. I travel four hours every day—to work five.

"We should get union wages," is the popular opinion.

"We should—but we ain't," states one.

"How we gonna make 'em?" asks another.

"We got to organize," remarks a Negro bending over his pick. This was the second time Glover, the Negro worker, had talked about organizing. I made my way to his side and sunk my pick deep into the dirt. He followed suit with a long, hard stroke.

"Lucky Mussolini wasn't under that," I ventured tentatively. "I'd chop him into mince meat if he was," he answered.

We talk about things vital to workers. Suddenly I realize that subtly he is feeling me out, too. I must bring this to a head.

"Do you know Loren Miller?" "Yes—he writes for a magazine in New York now."

(Well, if he knows about the "New Masses", he must be close to us.)

"Do you know Martin?" I venture more daringly.

"Sure, and I know Perry, too." Then he helped me along. "Do you know Sam up in Frisco?" "You mean the former 'D.O.'?" "Comrade!" he whispers.

"What unit?" I ask enthusiastically.

"Goodyear Unit." His face is one huge smile. There is something uncanny how Communists find one another.

But then, there is something uncanny, or perhaps intuitive how workers will instinctively, even while still unorganized, suddenly do things which one would swear were planned.

To save money a crew of laborers was put on the timber gang. After the first day they refused to work, demanding the timberman's \$85 per month wage.

"No skilled rate, no timber work," they declared.

The foremen were helpless and the project supervisor himself was called. No arguments about timbering being easier than pick and shovel could persuade them. The supervisor had to promise the rate change.

We talked about this a lot in the trench. It was the power of solidarity exemplified to us by deed.

Bill laughed. "Christ, why they're trying to skimp our money for I don't know. Everybody knows all this pick and shovel stuff is senseless. Why, four big crane-scoops could do more than all of us put together."

"Yes, that would be intelligent construction and the present society isn't intelligent," declared Glover. (The Communist is on the job.) "Giving us a 'Security Wage' is much easier."

Again that hated "Security Wage." It is a bone in the throat of all of us. We hate the words. It makes eggs as unattainable as jewels. "Security Wage. . . ." Fifty-five dollars per month. To live decently we must get the union wage. And again, from Glover, comes the logical answer: "Organize. . . ."

## ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

You Must Move Quickly to Protest the Murder Frame-Up Against the Scalpers

Dec. 7, 10 a.m., Judge Louderbach's court, Federal Bldg., James Branch, deportation proceedings.

Dec. 8th, 8 p. m., Building Trades Temple, Mass protest meeting for ship scalpers.

Dec. 9, 10 a.m., Judge Lazarus' court, Leo Gallagher, et al, continuation.

Dec. 11, 10 a.m., Judge Jacks' court: Archie Brown, Julius Canales, Francisco Jimenez, Natalio Velli, murder.

Dec. 12, 8:40 p.m., New Theater, 960 Bush st., Special International Labor Defense performance, "Waiting for Lefty."

Union members and sympathizers should start protests against the frame-up of the four ship scalpers, facing trial for murder, on their way to Judge Jacks, in whose court the trial will start next Wednesday, and also to the district attorney and to the press. Individuals are urged to send wires to Judge Jacks.

Following is the text of a resolution which members are urged to bring up in their union meetings for consideration:

WHEREAS, as a result of the attack with knives and razors by disrupters on loyal members of the Ship Scalpers' Union, I.L.A. Local 38-100, A. F. of L., Vicente Torres was found unconscious in front of the Scalpers' Union Hall and later died;

WHEREAS, the police took the side of the employers, refused to hold the employers' agents who started the trouble, and arrested only those Union men pointed out by the links;

WHEREAS, Archie Brown and three other members of the Scalpers' Union are being held on murder charges on the testimony of the employers' agents, and go on trial for their lives in Judge Life T. Jacks' Superior Court, December 11 at 10 a. m.;

WHEREAS, although the perjuries of prosecution witnesses have been established in preliminary hearings, the police, district attorney and courts have refused to issue perjury complaints, and consequently the links, like the perjurers in the Mooney case are free to swear to any lie that will convict and hang four Union men; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, members assembled at a meeting of our organization on (date) . . . .

in (place) . . . . . condemn this effort to frame innocent Union men; be it further

RESOLVED, that we demand the immediate release of these men, and the prosecution of the perjurers and criminals responsible for the trouble; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Ship Scalpers' Defense Committee, to Judge Jacks, to the district attorney, and to the press.

Union . . . . . Secretary . . . . . President . . . . .

San Francisco I.L.D. members are sponsoring a special performance of the Clifford Odets' play, "Waiting for Lefty" at the New Theater, 960 Bush street, next Thursday night, Dec. 12, as part of its Christmas drive for relief funds for political prisoners and their families.

The Eureka branch is holding a bazaar and Oakland is making plans for a carnival for the same purpose.

What are other towns doing for those who gave their freedom in behalf of the workers of America? Let us hear from you!

Write Louise Todd at Tehachapi state prison for women. Her number is 58298.

Arguments in the deportation proceedings, now pending, against James Branch, will be heard before Judge Louderbach in the Federal building next Saturday morning, Dec. 7, with Attorney George Andersen representing Comrade Branch.

## Students Protest Dismissal of J. C. Liberal Professor

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Resolutions demanding the immediate reinstatement of Dr. Winger, mathematics instructor at Los Angeles Junior College, are being circulated here under direction of students, and are being sent to the Board of Education and Director Ingalls.

Winger was recently dismissed because of his political beliefs, although the official reason was not given as this.

Protests against this discrimination should be sent immediately to the Board of Education and Director Ingalls.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

## Ariz. Mine Owners Devalue Property To Dodge Taxation

TAX BURDEN ON WORKERS, FARMERS IF RICH WIN

By T. J. CROAFF, JR. (Federated Press)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 1.—In an effort to further reduce its property tax, the Phelps-Dodge Corporation is seeking a federal court decree, according to word received from Tucson by the Federated Press.

According to Tax Commissioner Tadd Moore, "the suit will probably be in progress for at least ten days more and then there is possibility that further motions will be made and that the judge may take it under advisement. It is one of the most complicated and important actions which has ever been brought in Arizona."

There is a double issue at stake in the action. It is contended by the state that mining taxes should be based on the present cash value of the property involved. The mining company, on the other hand, contends that the valuation of company properties should be reduced in proportion to the reduction on other properties. In the hearing at Tucson it was contended by the Phelps-Dodge Corporation attorneys that valuations of farm property had been reduced to 17 per cent of former values and that a similar reduction should be granted the mining company.

One important phase of the suit is a test. If the Phelps-Dodge Corporation should win, application for similar reductions would be made by other mining companies of the state, affecting tens of millions of dollars in values. This would result in further increasing the tax rate for the small farmers and homeowners to meet the obligations of the city, county and state governments in Arizona.

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## NEW PLAY TO BE STAGED IN S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Concluding a six-weeks' run, "Waiting for Lefty" will have its last regularly scheduled performances at the New Theater, 960 Bush street, this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Two special performances will follow the close of the regular run—one sponsored by the International Labor Defense on December 12 and the other by the American League Against War and Fascism on December 14.

Meanwhile, the theatrical group which has produced "Waiting for Lefty" is going into rehearsal with "Private Hicks", the play which won the joint New Masses-Theatre League and Theater Union prize for the best interpretation of the American scene in 1935. It will open the first of January.

"Private Hicks" will probably have its New York premiere currently with San Francisco, it being scheduled to open there at the same time.

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## Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN, E. BISSELL, M. D.

### VENEREAL DISEASE AND PROSTITUTION

In the United States prostitution has been abolished simply by passing laws forbidding it. That's what many innocent people believe. But as a matter of fact it flourishes just as widely as in those countries in which it is practiced openly. Because of the ostrich policy here there are no statistics on prostitution. Japan is typically a capitalist country in which prostitution is quite widespread, mainly because of the extremely low wages paid workers. Exact figures have been published by the government showing just how wide-spread it is. Counting the licensed and unlicensed prostitutes and the "geisha girls," there were around 145,000 in Japan last year, or about one woman out of each three hundred.

A check was kept on 50,000 of the prostitutes and it was found that they had about 25,000,000 visits during the year. This would be about 70,000,000 visits for the total number of prostitutes. Of those girls examined, 14 per cent were found to have gonorrhea and 4 per cent were found to have syphilis. As only about one-third of all cases of gonorrhea can be caught through such examination and only about one-fifth of all cases of syphilis, probably about 40 per cent of the girls actually were infected with gonorrhea and about 20 per cent with syphilis.

From these figures we can see that four out of every five men in Japan run a very serious risk of contracting gonorrhea on the average of once a year and two out of five a serious risk of contracting syphilis.

These are the reasons why these venereal diseases are so widespread, not only in Japan but in every other capitalist country, the United States included.

### WAR NEWS

The medical journals, as most other publications, are full of war news. One of the announcements recently was about an in-

ternational meeting of psychiatrists (mental-disease specialists) in Holland which sent out a warning against the war psychosis (war insanity). The statement asserts that "arguments for war advanced by well-known statesmen camouflage a primitive craving for power."

"Peoples under the influence of the warlike spirit in their leaders may become neurotic and may be carried away by hallucinations and delusions (insane ideas), thus involving themselves in adventures dangerous to their own and other nations' safety."

This is a partial explanation of the insanity created by the capitalists in war time and shows one reason why the anti-war struggle is so much more difficult at this time. Lenin agreed with these psychiatrists when he said, "The time to fight against war is before it breaks out."

A little news item from England, about an army report, gives us a small view of what is in store for us in the next war.

In modern warfare, a large percentage of wounds occur in the jaws and face. In the early stages of such wounds the main principle is to prevent suffocation and stop bleeding. Danger of suffocation is most commonly due to loss of control of the tongue, which may be so displaced as to obstruct the air passages.

From Germany, the land of book-burning, university-slashing and exiling of famous scientists, we learn that no money is spared in the study of aviation medicine, which is under the direction of the army. Special chairs on this subject have been created in some of the universities, and most medical schools now have special courses.

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